

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the International Republican Institute on the 20th anniversary of its founding. As an IRI Board member since 1999, I have witnessed IRI's tremendous success in helping build democracy across the globe.

The International Republican Institute was founded in response to a 1982 speech by President Ronald Reagan, in which he called for a broad commitment to helping developing countries build democratic institutions. IRI began its work in Latin America. When the cold war ended, IRI expanded its programs to the states of the former Soviet Union.

Through its work today in more than 50 countries, IRI reinforces the American belief that all people can achieve freedom through the development of democratic political parties, good governance, and transparent election processes. IRI's success in teaching those in emerging democracies to build and manage democratic institutions does not stop at these countries' borders. Volunteers from Romania, Serbia, and other countries where IRI has worked are now helping to build a civil society in Iraq.

IRI also provides citizens from across the U.S. the opportunity to volunteer their skills to assist countries undergoing democratic transition. IRI volunteers teach others how to run political campaigns, increase the participation of women and youth, monitor elections, deliver government services, and communicate effectively with the public.

I congratulate and thank the International Republican Institute for its commitment to helping strengthen democracy around the world.●

CHRISTOPHER B. ELSER

• Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina. Mr. President, Christopher B. Elser of Camden, SC, died on the afternoon of April 18, 2004. Christopher, a student at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, died from stab wounds he received from an early-morning intruder who entered the room where he was sleeping. Christopher had spent the night in a fraternity brother's room after a party so his friend would have a quiet place to study.

Christopher was a junior in the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at the University. He was also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and played soccer his freshman year. He was known as a consummate gentleman, both on campus and off. As one of his fraternity brothers said, "We all strived to be gentlemen, but we never had anyone embody it as much as Chris." His memorial service on April 19, 2004, drew more than 1,000 friends and family members to honor

his life. Their numerous stories and memories further cemented Christopher's status as a gentlemen and also demonstrated the tremendous positive impact he had on everyone he met.

At an early age, Christopher developed an affinity with the thoroughbred horse business, nourished by his father's occupation as a thoroughbred trainer and consignor. As a precocious 10-year-old, he began his tenure on the Stable Crew at the August Yearling Sale in Saratoga, NY, serving with young men twice his age. Until his death, he worked in Saratoga for two weeks every August and was known for his infectious smile and inexhaustible spirit in both his work at the sale and in numerous after-hours adventures.

Christopher's memorial service in Camden, SC, was held outdoors at the Carolina Cup Steeplechase Museum on April 23, 2004. In an atmosphere reminiscent of his easygoing fun-loving demeanor, Christopher's friends and family gathered to celebrate his 20 years of life. As tales about his life unfolded, it became clear to all present what had made Christopher so special: his love for life. This trait brought more than 100 people together to honor an extraordinary young man's life and to mourn his untimely death. After the service, friends and family ate, drank, and told more stories of Christopher and, as he would have wished, there was more laughter than tears on this beautiful, South Carolina morning.

Christopher is survived by his father, Kip, his mother, Rhetta, and his sister, Taylor.●

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker, on April 22, 2004, has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2022. An act to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building".

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently today, April 26, 2004, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2348. A bill to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2022. An act to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2350. A bill to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2351. A bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2352. A bill to prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the United States for human consumption by prohibiting the slaughter of horses for human consumption and by prohibiting the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 343. A resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to respect all universally recognized human rights, including the right to freedom of religion and to participate in religious activities and institutions without interference or involvement of the Government; and to respect the human rights of ethnic minority groups in the Central Highlands and elsewhere in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Con. Res. 100. A concurrent resolution celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception.